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REFERENCE TO: Mission 1040-2, RECESSION OF WATER FROM HARBOR OF ARALSK
ARAL SEA, USSR

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE OF WATER RECESSION
FROM A MAJOR SEAPORT OF AN INLAND SEA IN
THE USSR.

2. LOCATION:

SOUTHERN PART OF THE TOWN OF ARALSK, BORDER-
ING AN INLET INTO THE ARAL SEA.

3. REMARKS:

BECAUSE OF THE IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN THE
SURROUNDING DESERT AREAS, THE DECLINING
WATER LEVEL AND POTENTIAL SALINITY OF THE
ARAL SEA HAS RECENTLY BECOME AN IMPORTANT
TOPIC OF DISCUSSION. SINCE THE TOWN AND
HARBOR OF ARALSK PROVIDES THE PRIMARY SUPPLIES
FOR OSTROV VOZROZHDENIYA, THE WATER LEVEL IS
PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN REGARD TO THE OSTROV
VOZROZHDENIYA SUSPECT BW FACILITY.

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5. FIRST IDENTIFICATION : WATER RECESSION: THIS MISSION.
6. NEGATION DATE: NONE
7. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE: NONE
8. DIMENSIONS/
SPECIFICATIONS: NONE
9. MISSION READOUT: WATER HAS COMPLETELY RECEDED FROM THE HARBOR AND VESSELS
ARE LITERALLY STRANDED ON THE BOTTOM.

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